



State of Tennessee
PUBLIC CHAPTER NO. 427

SENATE BILL NO. 2008

By Stewart, Berke, Harper, Barnes, Burks

Substituted for: House Bill No. 474

By Matheny, Todd, Hardaway

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 4, Part 9, relative to postsecondary financial assistance from net lottery proceeds.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-4-930, is amended by deleting subsections (e) and (f) in their entireties.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-4-930, is amended by deleting subsection (c) in its entirety and substituting instead the following and by relettering existing subsection (d) accordingly:

(c) A student receiving a dual enrollment grant may enroll for one (1) course per semester at an eligible postsecondary institution. Courses attempted as a dual enrollment student under this subsection (c) shall not count toward the limitation under § 49-4-913 on the receipt of a HOPE scholarship.

(d) If a student:

(1) Is a junior or senior in high school;

(2) Is receiving a dual enrollment grant; and

(3)(A) Has qualified academically for a Tennessee HOPE scholarship by attaining the required composite ACT score or the combined SAT score; or

(B) Has achieved an overall weighted high school grade point average of at least 3.0 for all high school work completed prior to the semester of enrollment as a dual enrollment student, if the student is enrolled in an eligible high school; then, notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (c) to the contrary, the student may enroll in one (1) additional course per semester at an eligible postsecondary institution as a dual enrollment student. Financial assistance received for courses attempted under this subsection (d) shall reduce the amount of any subsequent award of the Tennessee HOPE scholarship on a dollar per dollar basis.

(e) If a dual enrollment student enrolls in an eligible public postsecondary institution after graduation from high school, then such institution shall not deny credit towards an associates or baccalaureate degree for any college course taken as a dual enrollment student if the student successfully completed the course, and, if the course was not taken at the institution in which the student enrolls after graduation from high school, the course qualifies for transfer credit.

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-4-913, is amended by adding the following language as a new, appropriately designated subsection:

() Notwithstanding the provisions of this section to the contrary limiting the receipt of a HOPE scholarship to a five-year period beginning at the time of a student's initial enrollment at any postsecondary institution, a student who has a documented medical disability and whose eligibility for a HOPE scholarship has not terminated due to meeting another limitation on eligibility applicable to the student under this section, may petition for an extension of the five-year period if, because of the disability, the student can only attend an eligible postsecondary institution part-time. Such extension shall not extend beyond ten (10)

years from the date of the student's initial enrollment at any postsecondary institution. TSAC shall promulgate rules and regulations for the approval of extensions of time for receipt of a HOPE scholarship because of medical disabilities. All such rules and regulations shall be promulgated in accordance with the Uniform Administrative Procedures Act, compiled in Title 4, Chapter 5.

SECTION 4. A student who exhausted eligibility for a Tennessee HOPE scholarship prior to the effective date of this act because five (5) years had passed since the student's initial enrollment at a postsecondary institution, but who would have qualified for an extension of the time under the provisions of Section 1 had such provisions been in effect at the time the student exhausted eligibility, may apply to TSAC to regain the Tennessee HOPE scholarship. To be eligible for an extension of time, such student shall meet all applicable academic and nonacademic requirements for the scholarship and ten (10) years shall not have passed since the student's initial enrollment at a postsecondary institution.

SECTION 5. No retroactive award of a Tennessee HOPE scholarship shall be made under the provisions of this act.

SECTION 6. Notwithstanding § 4-5-208 or any other provision of law to the contrary, the Tennessee Student Assistance Corporation is authorized to promulgate emergency rules to implement the provisions of this act.

SECTION 7. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.

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PASSED: May 21, 2011



RON RAMSEY
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE



BETH HARWELL, SPEAKER
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APPROVED this 6 day of June 2011



BILL HASLAM, GOVERNOR